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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" அவர்கள் குடியிருந்த இடத்தை விட்டு அரசாங்கத்தார் கொடுத்துள்ள வேறு இடம் அவர்களுக்கு அசௌகரியமாக இருப்பதால் அவர்கள் வாழ்ந்த இடத்திலேயே வாழ்வதற்கு அரசாங்கம் வசதி தருமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" My information is that the proposed site where they will be housed is one mile from the present site. The residents did request that they should be given sites in a village called Killikuppam which is within the lignite belt and it is quite possible that they may be asked to evacuate from that place next year if we give them sites there. Therefore, the Collector was asked to give sites from which they are not likely to be disturbed for some time."

Eviction of villagers of Thandavankuppam, South Arcot district.

* 223 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any enquiry was made regarding a mahazar submitted by the villagers of Thandavankuppam in South Arcot district about their eviction from the village as mentioned in the Hon. Minister's reply to question No. 331 at page 1008 of the Official Report of the Madras Legislative Assembly Debates, dated 7th April 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

Compensation for the lands requisitioned for the Lignite Investigation Project.

* 224 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether compensation is paid every year for the land requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules, in Lignite Mine area, South Arcot district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No land has been requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules for the Lignite Investigation Project. Hence the question of payment of any compensation does not arise."

Training of clerks as Revenue Inspectors.

* 225 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of lower division clerks in the Tiruchirappalli district who have undergone partial training as Revenue Inspectors;

(*b*) why no facilities were given or, if given, why such facilities were withdrawn before the completion of their full period of training; and

(*c*) whether promotion of many lower division clerks has been held up for lack of the full period of training as Revenue Inspectors?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(a) & (b) Three persons have undergone partial training as Revenue Inspectors in Tiruchirappalli district. Two of these persons are on medical leave and the other is under suspension pending disposal of certain grave charges against him. There is therefore, no question of facilities not having been offered to them."
"(c) No."

Collection of sales-tax in the South Arcot district in **1952–53.**

* 226 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amount of sales-tax collected for the turnover that took place in South Arcot district during 1952–53 and the amount spent to maintain the staff for the abovesaid period?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"The sales-tax levied on the turn over of sales in the South Arcot district in 1952–53 was Rs. 27,25,488. Out of this a sum of Rs. 24,05,650 was collected in the year. The amount spent towards pay of staff, etc., employed in the district for the administration of all the Commercial Taxes was Rs. 1,54,488–5–1 for that year."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—"மற்ற மாவட்டங்களோடு ஒப்பிட்டுப் பார்க்கும்போது இந்த மாவட்டங்களின் நிலை எந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறது ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"I have just now been appraised of the situation in South Arcot but I will compare it later."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"May I know what exactly is the amount collected under this head in the year before?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"I want notice, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"Is it a fact that there is large evasion of taxes in South Arcot?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Probably the hon. Member draws that conclusion from the fact that there is evasion in the matter of Prohibition. I do not think so."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"May I know, why from day-to-day, South Arcot is being attacked by one hon. Member after another?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Well, it is not a question of attack. Hon. Members are so much interested in South Arcot that they put a number of questions."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—"Does the collection of this year show surplus or deficit as against last year?"